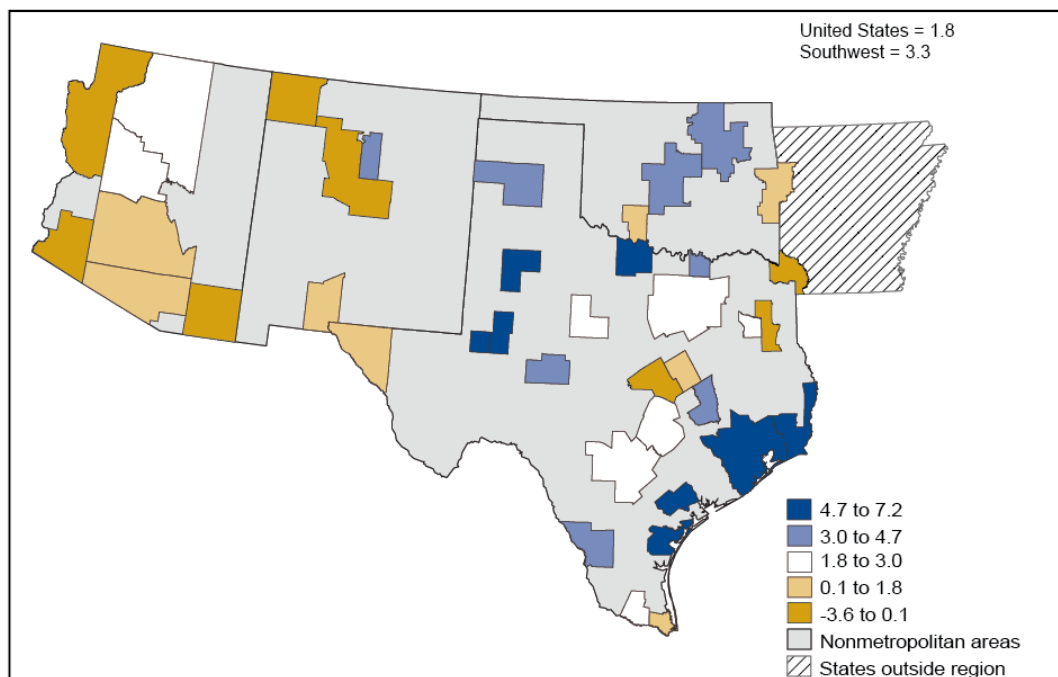


STRONG GROWTH IN THE SOUTHWEST REGION

Advance Statistics of GDP by Metropolitan Area

Percent Change in Real GDP by Metropolitan Area in the Southwest Region, 2013



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- Real GDP expanded in 32 of the 38 MSAs wholly contained in this region. Nondurable-goods manufacturing contributed the most to growth in real GDP for the region. This region accounts for 15.8 percent of the nation's current-dollar GDP in nondurable-goods manufacturing. By contrast, the government sector restrained growth in the region's GDP.
- Lawton, OK and Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX experienced the largest upturns in real GDP growth due to growth in real estate and rental and leasing and nondurable-goods manufacturing, respectively. Lawton, OK growth improved to 1.7 percent in 2013 from -3.5 percent in 2012 (5.2 percentage points), while Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX growth improved to 7.2 percent in 2013 from 3.1 percent in 2012 (4.1 percentage points).
- Growth in real GDP ranged from -1.3 percent to 7.2 percent with the fastest growth occurring in Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX and Midland, TX. Growth in each of these metropolitan areas was spurred by nondurable-goods manufacturing and mining, respectively.
- Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX and Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX—the two largest metropolitan areas in the region, and the 4th and 6th largest in the nation—experienced growth (5.2 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively), due to growth in mining and wholesale trade, respectively.

BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov. [E-mail](#) alerts are also available.

NOTE: The next release of GDP by metropolitan area will be in September 2015.